within a week prior to the visit of the University Commissioners in September 1928;

(2) if the answer to (1) is in the affirmative, what was the reason to supply such pieces of furniture immediately before the visit of the Commissioners;

(3) whether this supply was due to the lack of furniture already existed ;

(4) what were the pieces supplied ;

(5) whether these pieces of furniture were removed from the Hostel when the Commissioners left the place ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) No.

(2), (3), (4) and (5). Do not arise in view of the answer to question No. 1.

Principal's visit to the Christian Hostel.

116. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

(1) how many times during a month the Principal visits the Christian Hostel;

(2) whether there is any record to show the number of his visits ;

(3) whether he is bound to visit the Christian Hostel as its Warden; and if so, how many times during a year or a month he is in duty bound to visit this hostel ;

(4) how many times in all has he visited the Christian Hostel, since June 1928 ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(1) Once or twice a week.

(2) No.

(3) Yes. There is no rule fixing the number of visits to be paid by the Warden.

(4) Vide answer to question No. 2 above.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Are you sure, Sir, that the Principal visits once or twice a week?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Yes, that is the answer given there.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If there is no record, how can we know that he is visiting ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I suppose the Principal's statements are believable.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What objection is there to keep a record?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—You dispute the statement of the Principal ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What difficulty is there to keep a register there?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government thinks that there is no real necessity to keep such a register.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—But my information is otherwise.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—We are not responsible for impressions. We are responsible for facts only.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—But the facts are otherwise.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That is another matter.

Hindu cremation ground in Irinjalakkuda.

117. Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware of the existence of a cremation ground for Hindus in one of the Bazaars of Irinjalakkuda town close to the local Christian Churches, the Sirkar Girls' High School and a public tank;

(2) whether they have received any petition requesting that it may be shifted from its present place to a more inoffensive site;

(3) whether they have referred any of these petitions to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer; and if so, what his opinion is; a copy of his report may be placed on the Table;

(4) if his opinion be that it may be shifted, whether the Government have taken any action in that direction; and if so, what it is;

(5) whether the present Diwan Peishkar has made any report about it; and if so, a copy of his latest report may be placed on the Table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes; the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer thought that the present cremation grounds should be shifted.

(4) Yes; Government asked the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to select another site.

(5) Yes. The Diwan Peishkar reported on the proposal to acquire new sites and on the objections raised against the closing of the present site. The Panchayat also objected to the closure.

Government do not consider it necessary to publish these reports.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will that be according to that order or will that not be? Government gave an order to select another site.

President.—Was the site selected?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

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